

Westhampton Board of Health  
Minutes to Meeting of  
November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Present: David Blakesley (DB), Tom Martin (TM), Robbie Armenti (RA),  
Mark Bushee (MB).

Also Present: Michael Kelsey (MK)

To Order @ 4:06. Adjourned @ 4:52.

- 1) RA moves to approve minutes as presented of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 meeting, with TM seconding, and the motion passing ( DB abstaining).
- 2) MK with update on KOA septic upgrades. Project permitted by DEP(10/15/2019). Project went out to bid and Rich Spiller is permitted as installer. DEP has notified the Board of extension granted to KOA for completion of work to 11/31/2019 which MK looks to be a viable deadline to meet and noting that the hold up in the final weeks was due to DEP dragging out the approval process. TM advocates for installing underground conduits for electrical lines on sites 21-26. MK explains that this will not be done at this time. TM notes that the Board will require a complete file for this project including copies of plans, approvals and Certificates of Compliance. MB will collect these for the Board.
- 3) Brief discussion of MAVEN responsibilities (DPH disease surveillance database) and possible training for the Board. TM wonders about the Boards statutory requirements for this work which DPH stating it wants a twice daily check in with the system.
- 4) MB reports on in town activity and progress with getting his soil evaluators certification (completed).
- 5) TM notes to the Board that Katch Bachelor would like to serve in Town with Emergency Planning. TM to attend next Selectboard meeting to ask how this can be facilitated.
- 6) DB reports on HRMC activities noting the Town has received a 5600. Grant from DEP for use at the transfer station for its recycling programs (current total for these monies at 20,000. +/-). DB notes that these recycling funds will become useful sooner rather than later as he also reports on new MRF contract review. DB goes over the specifics of the new MRF contract. DB explains that the contract likely favors a dual stream recycling system over the single stream system

the Town implemented about 5 years ago. DB explains he is favoring a return to dual stream system: paper and cardboard would be compressed, and a second dumpster would be purchased using our grant money ( cost about 8000) for the remaining materials. This will save the Town money over the life of this contract. The Board agrees that this is sensible.

- 7) RA reports on aging in place initiatives which are still in the information gathering stage. RA does state that there does seem to be a demonstratable need for services in the areas of nutrition, transportation, activities and domestic help. RA ask MB to investigate the possibility of getting visiting nurse into Town on a monthly basis? Any resources available regionally?
- 8) Adjourned.

*David Blum*

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*Roberta Armenti*